

Preliminary Site Plan March, 2008

*This is the first
significant project to be
built on the east side of
the campus since 1992.*



Washington State Data Center and Office Buildings Project

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Exterior Study Option



Wheeler Site Update

The Washington State Department of Information Services (DIS) is constructing a state-of-the-art data center and office buildings on the eastern side of the Capitol Campus in Olympia (on the current Wheeler parking lot site, east of Jefferson, south of 14th). One of the two office facilities will also house the headquarters of the Washington State Patrol. The office complex and data center is expected to total 456,000 square feet with construction to be completed in February, 2010.

DIS is working with the developer, Wright Rundstad & Company, and their design team from NBBJ, to create and produce a creative, efficient and comprehensive design for the project. As part of that process, DIS is meeting regularly with neighbors, committees and other stakeholders to seek input and suggestions about the design and building process. Materials from these meetings can be found at: <http://dis.wa.gov/newbldgmtgsmat.htm>. DIS is also working closely with the City of Olympia, the architects, planners, and others to address issues that are raised at these meetings.

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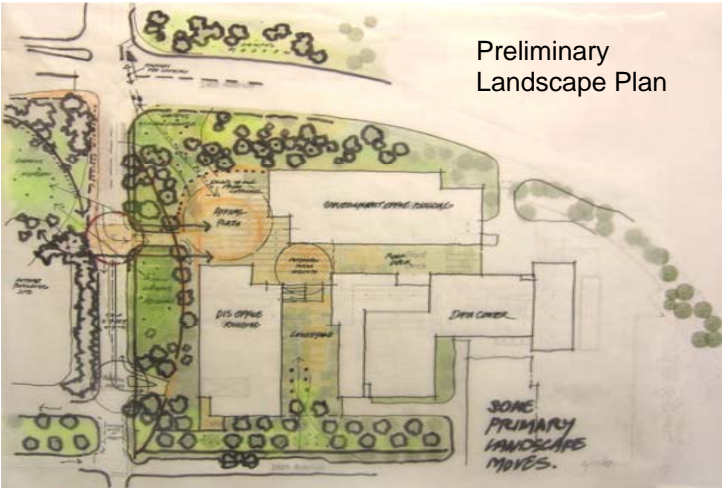
Protecting the environment

The DIS complex is being built with environmental protection as a top priority. To ensure sustainable green building and development practices, construction will follow the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. LEED is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance environmentally-friendly buildings.

To achieve LEED certification, the DIS buildings will meet specific criteria in these areas:

- Human health
- Environmental health
- Sustainable site development
- Water savings
- Energy efficiency
- Materials selection
- Indoor environmental quality

All new state building projects must achieve a silver LEED certification. DIS enthusiastically supports this program.



What about noise?

The new DIS data center will be accompanied by cooling towers and generators, prompting some neighbors to worry about potential noise problems.

To protect neighborhoods from any possible noise, DIS is adjusting building plans to locate the cooling towers as far away as possible from residential areas. Furthermore, the towers are being built following strict building codes specifically focused on noise reduction.

Because of these precautions, the towers are not expected to have a negative effect on residential areas.

What about traffic?

The Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) has been completed and is currently under review. Two options were identified to help mitigate the traffic impact to the corner of 14th Avenue & Jefferson St..

1) Signalized Improvements
Improvements would include the incorporation of a second, west-bound left turn-lane. This would shorten the expected morning line-ups from I-5 to the site, and allow for shorter and more efficient signal use. This solution lengthens the pedestrian crossing distance across 14th Avenue.

2) Addition of a Roundabout
A multi-lane roundabout would offer fewer traffic delays than a signal and shorten pedestrian crossing distances.

Either solution would require the addition of a southbound lane on Jefferson St., south of 14th Ave.



PROJECT TIMELINE

